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APPEAL AFFECTS SUB CONTRACTORS INSTITUTE DEED GIVEN APPROVAL

Legal Point Over Filing of Lien. Express Company Also Gets Writ.

Lee Camp Advised by Committee to Unite in Transfer From State.

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PISTOL THIEF CAUGHT

Negro Confesses That He Stole Nine From Main Store. Detective Sergeant Whitely brought back to the city early yesterday afternoon a negro, who confessed that he had stolen nine pistols from the Main Store. The store is located at the corner of Main and Second streets. The negro, who is named John Smith, was arrested after a chase which lasted for some time. He was found with a large number of pistols hidden in his clothing. The store owner, who is a white man, was very angry when he learned of the theft. He immediately called the police and they came to the store to investigate. The negro was taken to the police station and is now being held there.

TALK ON SUFFRAGE

Women Leaders in Address Central Labor Council To-Night. Several representatives of the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia will address the Central Labor Council at its meeting to-night. The meeting will be held at the Central Labor Council hall, located at the corner of Main and Second streets. The speakers will include Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Jones, and Mrs. J. H. Brown. They will discuss the importance of the suffrage for women and the ways in which women can become more active in the political process. The meeting is free and open to all women.

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UNION TO CURTAIL TOBACCO ACREAGE

Farmers Adopt Resolution to Plant Less and Thereby Improve Crop.

WOULD STIMULATE PRICE

Officers Elected on Closing Day of Convention—Dues Are Reduced.

In the closing hours of the second annual convention, the Virginia Division of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, yesterday discussed for the most part the question of growing and marketing tobacco in the State. A resolution was finally adopted providing that members of the union curtail the acreage for 1917 and for the next three years, as far as possible, with the double idea of producing a better quality of tobacco and creating a greater demand. A committee of three will be appointed to confer with other tobacco people in Davisville next March for the purpose of making the crop more lucrative for the farmer (Shilling Times far as is possible, the middlemen's profits.

Officers Elected. Officers elected yesterday were as follows: President, D. M. Gannaway, Guinea Mills; Vice-President, C. Gordon, Union Level; Secretary-Treasurer, H. L. Petty, Union Level; State Lecturer-Organizer, Thomas H. Steele, Brookland; State Business Agent, A. B. Thornhill, Apomattox; Chairman, Arthur Ferguson, Mecklenburg; Doorkeeper, H. L. Green, Charlotte; Conductor, H. L. Clay, Sergeant-at-Arms, John A. Bugg, Phyllis.

Executive Committee—D. M. Blankenship, Campbell; C. S. Gordon, Brookland; J. W. G. Gordon, Brookland; C. M. Abbott, Bedford; W. P. Massie, Amherst.

An old executive committee held a meeting last night and dissolved, turning the business over to the newly elected committee, which met and elected C. S. Gordon as president.

To Cut Down Dues. Several changes were made in the Constitution, one of the most significant being the reduction of dues from \$2.00 to \$1.00 per year. This was done to make the union more attractive to new members and to help those who are unable to pay the full amount.

IN POLICE COURT

Detective Presents Prisoner Captured One Thousand Miles Away. A prisoner captured one thousand miles away was presented to the police court yesterday morning by Detective Sergeant Wiley. The prisoner, who is named John Smith, was caught after a long chase. He is charged with the theft of a large sum of money. The court is scheduled to hear the case this afternoon.

ASSESSMENT REDUCED

Circuit Court Does Not Sustain Corporation Commission. An order was entered by Judge R. Carter yesterday in the Circuit Court in the case of the State Corporation Commission. The court ruled that the assessment made by the commission was too high and ordered it to be reduced. This decision is a victory for the corporation owners, who had been fighting the commission's assessment for some time.

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AGENT WINS SUIT FOR COMMISSION

Paschall and Gresham Lose Damage Action in Law and Equity Court. Verdict and judgment for damages in the sum of \$5,000, with interest from October 1, 1916, were rendered yesterday in the Law and Equity Court in the case of J. L. Gillis against J. H. Paschall and Thomas Gresham, trading as Paschall & Gresham. Motion to set aside the verdict as contrary to the law and evidence and on account of a mistake in the court was overruled. The defendant's appeal was denied. The court found that the agent had acted in good faith and that the damages were properly awarded.

DISCUSS LIQUOR SALE IN RICHMOND

Robert H. Talley to Speak at Anti-Saloon League Convention.

PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Dr. McDaniel, Speaker Byrd and Congressman Glass to Make Addresses.

Conditions in Richmond under the licensed liquor traffic will be discussed at the coming Anti-Saloon League convention at Newport News by Robert H. Talley, Assistant United States District Attorney, of this city. His address will be delivered on Wednesday afternoon, February 22, under the heading, "A Word from License Cities."

Speaker Richard Evelyn Byrd's topic will be "The Relation of the Existing Registration Laws to Popular Referendum," while Representative Carter Glass will speak on "Shall the Constitution and Laws Be Nullified?"

The complete program, just announced, is as follows: Tuesday Evening, February 21. 7:30—Devotional exercises, W. G. Starr, D. D.; 7:45—Address of welcome, Rev. W. E. Young, D. D. (invited); 8:00—President's address, Rev. H. P. Atkins; 9:00—Report of legislative committee, Rev. James Cannon, D. D.; 9:15—Address, John G. Woolley.

Wednesday Morning, February 22. 9:00—Devotional exercises, Rev. J. E. DeGaulle, D. D.; 9:15—Appointment of committees; 9:20—Fraternal greetings; W. C. T. U., Mrs. H. M. Hoge; Good Templars, Mrs. George W. Hawhurst; L. O. O. F., Mrs. G. M. Johnson; 9:40—Supper; 10:00—Address, Rev. James Cannon, D. D.; 10:15—Report of J. D. McAllister; 10:30—Reports of district superintendents; Rev. E. J. Richardson, Rev. David Hepburn; 11:00—"The Relation of the Existing Registration Laws to Popular Referendum," R. E. Byrd; 11:20—Address, "Intestate Regulation of the Liquor Traffic," S. E. Nicholson; miscellaneous business.

Afternoon. Vice-President Rev. J. R. Ellis presiding. 2:30—Devotional exercises, Rev. W. S. Trimble; 2:45—Fraternal greetings; W. C. T. U., Mrs. H. M. Hoge; Good Templars, Mrs. George W. Hawhurst; L. O. O. F., Mrs. G. M. Johnson; 3:00—"A Word from License Cities," Clifford Forge, E. A. Sneed; Frederickburg, J. W. Adams (invited); Staunton, C. T. Jordan; "The Liquor Traffic," J. C. Moss (invited); Lynchburg, J. C. Moss (invited); Bristol, J. D. McAllister; 3:45—Address, "Intestate Regulation of the Liquor Traffic," S. E. Nicholson; miscellaneous business.

Thursday Morning, February 23. 9:00—Devotional exercises, Rev. A. E. Kaula; 9:15—Report of committee on credentials; 9:30—Consideration of report of legislative committee, pending the adoption of the report; (a) In Northern Virginia, Rev. W. E. Watson; (b) Tidewater, Rev. W. E. Watson; (c) Southside, Rev. W. E. Watson; (d) Southwestern, Rev. W. E. Watson; 10:30—"Prohibition and a Common Sense Business Proposition," D. H. Barger; miscellaneous business.

Afternoon. Vice-President W. C. Campbell, D. D., presiding. 2:30—Devotional exercises, Rev. C. N. Watson; 2:45—Report of committee on nominations; 3:00—Report of committee on resolutions; 3:30—Recreation, visit to Shipyard.

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SICK MAN ROBBED BY HIS VISITOR

Colored Merchant Arrested, but Loudly Protests His Innocence to Police. Mistaken, as he told it to the police last night, while on a mission of mercy, Winston Cephas, a well-known colored merchant of North Ninth Street, was arrested and locked up in the First Precinct Station on the charge of stealing a pocket-handkerchief and \$30 in cash from William Frazier, of 523 North Seventeenth Street. About 11 o'clock he was called in by a neighbor, who told him that Frazier was sick. Cephas went to the home of Frazier yesterday for the purpose of inquiring after his health and doing other errands. He was found in the room of Frazier, who was lying on his back. Cephas was arrested and taken to the police station. He is now being held there. He is protesting his innocence and says that he was only visiting Frazier.

BAR ASSOCIATION SELECTS PILCHER

Richmond Lawyers Will Hold Joint Meeting in May With Doctors.

MAJ. STRINGFELLOW SPEAKS

Annual Meeting Brings Out Largest Attendance Since Organization.

Edward M. Pilcher was elected president of the Richmond Bar Association at the annual meeting held at the Commonwealth Club last night. The occasion was one of the most enthusiastic and more largely attended than any in the history of the organization.

A departure by the lawyers was the adoption of a resolution offered by Robert H. Talley extending to the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery an invitation to be the guests of the association at the next quarterly meeting, to be held in May. It is planned to have a joint session of the professional men, with the idea of promoting the interests of each.

The principal address made last night was that of Major Charles P. Stringfellow, who was in a reminiscence mood and told numerous humorous and peculiar experiences he had participated in and witnessed in the years of his practice. The members of the bar were heartily in their praise of Major Stringfellow's talk.

Among other things the attorneys changed their meeting day, which was the second Wednesday of each quarter month, to the second Thursday. Following the business session, an elaborate supper was served at the club, unusual attention being devoted to a menu which was planned solely to tickle the palates of the practitioners.

About 125—nearly the full membership of the association—were present. The new officers elected are as follows: Edward M. Pilcher, president; P. H. C. Cull, first vice-president; Henry R. Miller, second vice-president; Robert E. Paxton, third vice-president; and Maurice A. Powers, secretary.

W. B. GAY INDICTED

Charged With Grand Larceny in Alleged Theft of \$500. Two indictments were returned in the Hustings court yesterday against W. B. Gay, a former clerk of the W. B. Gay Company, charged with grand larceny. It is alleged that he stole from the company a large sum of money. He is now being held in the city jail.

CLUBS FEDERATED

Charter Granted to Mothers' Organizations of City and State. Consolidating various women's organizations, formed for the purpose of charitable and benevolent work, the Federation of Mothers' Clubs of Richmond was chartered yesterday by the State Federation Commission. It has no capital stock.

HAS EVEN CHANCE

But Man Shot by Bank Cashier Is Still Dangerously Ill. Physicians at the Memorial Hospital here, the fact that Guy Bruce, of Henric county, who was shot and killed by a bank cashier in the way of a robbery, had an even chance of recovery. The young banker, believing Bruce, his intimate friend, to be a footpad, shot him through the back and in some remarkable manner weaved his way out of the deadly arteries of his heart. However, Bruce was in a critical condition last night, but was said to have an even chance of recovery.

No Use Putting It Off. If you want to take advantage of our 33 per cent Reduction Sale do it to-day while the assortment is still good. All sizes for all shapes. Gans-Rady Company. CONTRACT IS LET FOR NEW BRIDGE. Structure Over James Will Connect Westhampton and Southampton. Within four months the Southampton bridge across James River, which is to connect the Westhampton suburb of Richmond with the city of Henric county, will be built and ready for public use. A contract for its construction was awarded yesterday by the Henric county Board of Supervisors to the Henric Bridge Company, of Henric. The bridge will be a steel truss bridge, 1,000 feet long, and will connect the two towns. It will be a great improvement over the old ferry service. The bridge will be built on the site of the old bridge, which was destroyed by fire. The new bridge will be a great improvement over the old one. It will be a great improvement over the old one. It will be a great improvement over the old one.

CO-OPERATION IS PLAN OF DEALERS. With the election of officers for the year and with the selection of Greensboro, N. C., as the place, and February 7 and 8, 1917, at the time, for the next meeting, the convention of the Virginia and North Carolina Retail Implement, Machinery and Vehicle Dealers' Association came to an end yesterday. The concluding business session was followed last night by a banquet at Murphy's Hotel, where the implement men feasted on the best things that hostelry furnishes. There was plenty of fun until a late hour. Officers were re-elected, as follows: J. W. May, Alexandria, Va., president; G. B. Todd, Norfolk, Va., first vice-president; John Shafter, Goldsboro, N. C., second vice-president; E. C. Warner, Rural Retreat, Va., third vice-president; Harry P. Stephens, Smithfield, N. C., secretary and treasurer. Directors—H. L. Smith, Petersburg; W. T. Todd, Norfolk; J. W. May, Alexandria; John R. Pender, Tarboro; J. B. Barkley, Lawrenceville, Va.

RICHMOND AVIATOR. Lieutenant Elyson Makes Successful Flight in California. A successful flight into the clouds has been made by the youngest aviator, Lieutenant Theodore G. Elyson, United States Navy. Lieutenant Elyson, who is a resident of Richmond, was on a mission of inspection in California. He was accompanied by a pilot and a mechanic. They flew for several hours and made a successful landing. Lieutenant Elyson is a very young man and is very talented. He is a very good pilot and is very popular. He is a very good pilot and is very popular. He is a very good pilot and is very popular.

WORKING ON BUDGET. Finance Committee Considers Auditor and Commissioner of Revenue. The Council Committee on Finance met yesterday afternoon to consider several financial matters having to do with the budget. The committee is working on the budget for the next year. They are trying to find ways to save money and to increase revenue. They are trying to find ways to save money and to increase revenue. They are trying to find ways to save money and to increase revenue.

SETTLE FLUVANNA DEFAULT CASE. State Recovers on Bondsman by Former Treasurer by Compromise. Settlement was reached yesterday in the City Circuit Court in the long drawn out litigation of the Commonwealth of Virginia against O. B. Thomas, the defaulting treasurer of Fluvanna county. A compromise was reached between the state and the treasurer. The state will accept a smaller amount than it was asking for. The treasurer will pay the state the amount of the compromise. The state will accept a smaller amount than it was asking for. The treasurer will pay the state the amount of the compromise.

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Dr. Calsch Returns Home. Dr. Edward N. Calsch has returned to the city after an extended trip through the West, where he delivered medical addresses. His speech at Louisville and St. Louis attracted widespread attention. Dr. Calsch will continue his tour of the country. He will visit many cities and will deliver many speeches. He will continue his tour of the country. He will visit many cities and will deliver many speeches.

Seaboard Air Line Earnings. Approximate earnings of the Seaboard Air Line Railway for the month of January show an increase of \$52,500 as compared with the corresponding month last year.

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